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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Yuji TAKAHASHI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2629**

Application No.: **10/696,037**

Examiner: **Jennifer T. Nguyen**

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For: **TOUCH PANEL DEVICE AND CONTACT  
POSITION DETECTION METHOD**

Attorney Docket Number: **032054**

Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 26, 2006.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- Group I     Claims 1, 2 and 13, drawn to the strength of surface acoustic waves;
- Group II    Claim 3, drawn to eliminate noise included in the received signals of surface acoustic waves;
- Group III   Claims 4-9 and 11, drawn to the received results of surface acoustic waves
- Group IV   Claim 10, drawn to when a plurality of contact positions are detected; or
- Group V    Claim 12, drawn to a plurality of contact positions detected in a time series.

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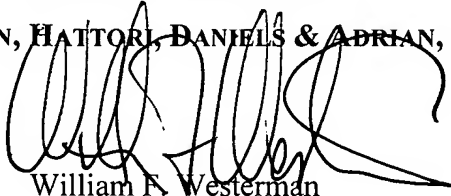
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Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1, 2 and 13. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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